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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am happy to hear that the Department of Justice is ending its three-year antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft with a strong and binding agreement. This costly affair should have been ended a long time before this.

Microsoft did not get off easy. The settlement was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. The company agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit - for the sake of wrapping up the suit.

The agreement requires Microsoft to document and disclose, for use by its competitors, various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products that are used to communicate directly with the basic Windows system. Microsoft has also agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows.

Microsoft has been distracted for long enough. This agreement will very much benefit its competitors. I do not believe any more litigation beyond this settlement is necessary.

Sincerely,

Janey Schumacher

cc: Representative Tom DeLay

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